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Centering on women born before the Civil War, this book presents 10 short plays (for grades 4-8) about American women who contributed in significant ways to the United States. The plays in the book are designed to enrich existing curricula and may be used in conjunction with the social studies curriculum. Each short play is followed by a teaching guide consisting of a quote by or about the subject of the play; a biography; a brief bibliography; and teaching activities designed to strengthen students' oral, writing, and research skills. After an introductory section, plays in the book are Francisca Hinestrosa (mid 1500s): Exploring America; Pocahontas (c.1595-1617): Between Two Worlds; Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643): An Outspoken Woman; Daughters of Liberty (formed in 1776): Spinning for Liberty; Nancy Ward (c.1738-1824): Nanyehi, Beloved Woman; Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910): The Word "No" Never Stopped Her; Lucy Stone (1818-1893): Changing Old Ideas; Ellen Craft (1827-1897): A Train Ride to Freedom; Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931): Writing the Wrongs; and Queen Liliuokalani (1838-1921): Aloha Oe, Farewell to You. (RS)

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